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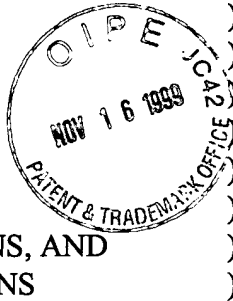
In re Application of:

Masashiro IWAMOTO, *et al.*

Application No. 08/878,177

Filed: June 18, 1997

For: CELL CALCIFICATION
SUPPRESSING PROTEINS, AND
GENES OF THE PROTEINS



Group Art Unit: 1653

Examiner: K. Carlson, Ph.D.

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated May 19, 1999 (Paper No. 8). A petition for a three-month extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith, the period of response to which extends through November 19, 1999. The Examiner's comments have been reviewed carefully, and the following amendments are offered in response. Reconsideration of this application as amended respectfully is requested.

In response to the Office Action, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel non-elected claims 1 and 3-19.

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01 FC:117
11/18/1999 UMAN11 00000020 08878177 72.00 OP
02 FC:103 260.00 OP
03 FC:104